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ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN PRINCIPAL ORGANS

Election of a member of the International Court of Justice

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Deputy Registrar of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), by a letter dated 24 February 1995, informed the Secretary-General of the death of Judge Roberto Ago (Italy) on 24 February 1995 and of the occurrence of a vacancy in the Court as a result of Judge Ago's death.

2. Judge Ago was elected a member of the Court as from 6 February 1979 and was re-elected as from 6 February 1988. His present term of office would have expired on 5 February 1997. In accordance with the terms of the Statute of ICJ, the General Assembly and the Security Council will therefore have to elect a member of the Court to serve for the remainder of Judge Ago's term, i.e., until 5 February 1997.

3. Pursuant to article 14 of the Statute of ICJ, the Security Council, at its 3507th meeting, on 9 March 1995, adopted resolution 979 (1995). In that resolution, the Council decided that the election to fill the vacancy on ICJ that had occurred as a result of the death of Judge Ago would take place on 21 June 1995, at a meeting of the Security Council and at a meeting of the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

4. In order to enable the General Assembly to take the required action, it will be necessary to reopen consideration of agenda item 15 (c).

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